

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING
September 29, 2020**

- PRESENT** Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioner Dennis Shupak (via phone) and Tyrel Hamilton, members, Shannon Fisher, Madisyn Hudecek, Admin Assistants.
- Others Present: Carol Arkell, DES; Natasha Sailer, Public Health; Emily Schabacher, Stillwater County News.
- PLEDGE** Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Frank was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Crago thanked Frank for his time and service
- MINUTES** September 15, 2020. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- RECOGNITION** Frank Clouse for 5 years of service to Stillwater County.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Carol Arkell announced that at the meeting it was noted that there have not been any fires over the last seven days. The recommendation is to leave the stage 1 fire restrictions in place and to leave the burn permit system shut down. Commissioner Crago announced that beginning Thursday, October 1, the fairgrounds pavilion will be closed for public access but will remain open for county meetings as needed to meet social distancing needs. Natasha Sailer announced that there has been an increase in the COVID cases. Out of 184 tests 30 of those have come back positive which is a 16% rate increase. Numerous cases are being added on a daily basis. Last week there were 21 cases and the week prior there were a total of 5 cases. There has been a steady increase over the past few months. Currently Meadowlark Assisted Living Facility is experiencing an outbreak with 10 of the 25 residents and staff as confirmed positive COVID cases, 3 of which are hospitalized. The spread from this outbreak is still being traced. There have also been positive cases with school children within the county schools. Billings Clinic and St. Vincent's are currently on divert status and are sending patients to other facilities in the state to have their needs met due to the dire hospital situation. Stillwater Billings Clinic is currently full and at capacity and they are working on a surge plan to accommodate four extra patients. If there are more patients than that Stillwater Billings Clinic will work on a diversion plan as well. This situation is only expected to get worse during the upcoming months because there will also be flu and other viruses out and about. Commissioner Crago announced that agenda meeting next week will be a travelling agenda meeting that will be held in Molt at the Molt Community Center at 6:30 p.m. This will be the last travelling agenda meeting of the year. Commissioner Crago urged Rapelje residents to attend this meeting as the Rapelje meeting was cancelled when the COVID crisis broke out. Mark Schreiner announced a month delay with the Johnson Bridge Project due to the bid letting. February is the new projected date to begin the project.
- CONSENT AGENDA** **Commission**
A) One Year Professional Services Agreement for Regional/Local Mental Health Services
- FILE ITEMS** **Treasurer**
A) Monthly Report for August in the Amount of \$53,178,640.28

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to consent to the consent agenda and file the file items.
Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. No Discussion Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS **DES**

A) Homeland Security Grant Command Trailer - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept the homeland security grant for a mobile command vehicle. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton noted that the agenda states it is a command trailer. After a meeting yesterday it was discussed to leave the type of vehicle open for other options. Commissioner Crago remarked that the grant value is \$170,000.00 which is 100 percent grant. This vehicle will be an incident on site vehicle. The current trailer is aging and in need of repair. This grant will help with the replacement of the trailer. Motion passed unanimously

Road & Bridge

A) Greenwood Road Abandonment - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Greenwood Road abandonment with added sections recommended by the Road & Bridge Department after the viewing. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Emily Schabacher asked if the added sections were the ones discussed in the last meeting. Commissioner Hamilton explained that the abandonment is for the original portion to include an additional two miles to the Holland Settlement Cemetery. Commissioner Crago stated that there was no opposition to the original abandonment or the additional portion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer

A) Order to Cancel Property Taxes on Gifted Real Property to Beartooth Park and Recreation District. – Commissioner Crago explained that there is no action needed for this as it was done via resolution at the last agenda meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – None heard.

With no further comments hear the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder